

Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting
August 12, 2010
Minutes

Voting Council Members Present: Chairman Gary Kendell, Katrina Carter-Larson, Cyndy Erickson, Kevin Frampton, Richard Doyle, Paul Stageberg, Kathy Stone, Jane Larkin, Chris Wilson, Jennifer Davis, Vern Armstrong, John Garringer

Non-Voting Members Present: Col. Michael Jensen, Steve Arndt

Staff: Becky Swift, Susie Sher, Dale Woolery and Dennis Wiggins.

Welcome and introductions

Chairman Kendell called the meeting at 9:40 a.m. He thanks Katrina Carter-Larson and the DOC for the use of their conference room for the meeting. Council members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the May 13, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Legislative Issues

Chairman Kendell informed the group that legislative proposals would be due to the Governor's Office in September and to LSA in November. He then provided a brief overview of proposals being considered by the ODCP, which include Salvia divinorum and K2, Parity, an increase in the beer tax, Prescription Monitoring Program (in particular making its use by physicians mandatory), compliance with the Adam Walsh Act, continuous alcohol monitoring, marijuana for medicinal purposes, and a tax credit for certified prevention specialists. Also discussed were some of the AC4C issues. Kathy Stone commented that IDPH is also watching the medicinal marijuana issue.

DPAC Priority Review and the 2011 Drug Control Strategy

Becky Swift provided an overview of priorities discussed at the May meeting. She then asked DPAC members to form two groups to review the priorities both from the May meeting and the 2010 Drug Control Strategy. She also asked them to review the results and indicator and recommendation sections of the Strategy and then make recommendations about potential additions, changes and actions. The groups worked through lunch and into the latter part of the meeting, at which time they were asked to report on what they had discussed. Written notes were collected to be used in the formulation of the 2011 Drug Control Strategy. (See pages 3 and 4)

Agency/Association Updates

ING-CDTF - Col. Jensen reported that the Counterdrug Task Force had hired a person to assist in coordinating AC4C and PDFI-FIT. The Colonel announced that he will be retiring.
DOE - Cyndy Erickson indicated that the DOE has spent the summer writing grants and that they have an interim director.

Treatment Director - The Iowa Behavioral Health Association will be conducting a provider salary survey.

DHS - The DHS field reorganization has taken effect. This has resulted in 57 counties having less than a full-time person. DHS was hard hit by lay-offs and early retirements, so the overall number of staff has dropped significantly. DHS has moved to centralized in-take.

Iowa Consortium - The Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Research and Evaluation moved to a new location (the new address is on their web site).

DHR-CJJP - The DHR reorganization is complete. They now have three divisions. Paul Stageberg mentioned that the Criminal Justice Planning Advisory Council will now also serve as the Department of Public Safety Advisory Board.

Treatment/Prevention - Jane Larkin reported that the AC4C Youth Speak Out Day on the Hill will be held on Monday, January 24 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, with a press conference at 12:30 pm. She also mentioned that a new Prevention Conference would be held on November 4 in Ames. This replaces the Prevention Symposium.

DPS-DNE - Meth labs are still up – maintaining growth from last year. DNE is seeing an increase in the illegal trafficking of prescription drugs and more heroin in eastern Iowa.

DOC – Katrina reported that several of DOC staff is now trained to provide classes to drivers in violation of 321J. DOC along with IDPH is represented on the Governor's Offender Reentry Coordinating Council.

ODCP – the electronic pseudo tracking system is nearly in place.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held November 18, 2010, in the 5th Floor conference room of the Wallace Building

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Swift".

Becky Swift

Small Group Reports

Group 1 (Kendell, Garringer, Erikson, Jensen, Frampton, Armstrong, and Stageberg)

The group reviewed the strategy by result area and provided the following recommendations for result areas 1 and 2 – they did not get to result area 3:

Result Area #1

- Address prescription drug abuse more predominately
- Additional Indicators:
 - Graduation rate
 - Prevention and Treatment provider salaries
 - Certified providers
 - Alcohol and tobacco compliance checks
 - Age of 1st use of alcohol and other drugs
- They also suggested the separation of youth and adult data when it is available and in particular related to drug-related traffic deaths, alcohol-related traffic deaths and underage drinkers aged 18-20.

Result Area #2

- Add a heroin indicator
- Need to broaden/clarify indicator 2C – is it screens and admits OR screens only and admits only
- Add a marijuana indicator

Group 2 (Stone, Wilson, Arndt, Carter-Larson, Larkin, Doyle, and Davis)

The group reviewed the format of the strategy and made the following recommendations:

- Keep the story and what works in each of the indicators
- “What works” is too general but each items needs to be geared toward what CAN be done – provide a link to the resource in the on-line document
- Change “current proposals” to “current efforts” and be more specific about who is doing them, timelines, etc.
- 2011 Strategies:
 - Focus on what will be worked on this year
 - Incorporate priority areas into this section
 - Add actions that each responsible agency will take
- 2-10 year strategies need to list the responsible entity
- In Result Area 2 add a prescription drug abuse indicator and delete the price/purity indicator.
- Challenges of the Strategy as a whole:
 - Who is it for
 - Legislative priorities should be incorporated
 - A summary that is more useful to the reader